and Sumatra having Tamil Culture, the Anthropological Survey of India has initiated studies based on DNA Polymorphisms which will throw light on the ancient migration.

The Anthropological Survey of India will also be holding an International Conference on "Identity, Cultural Pluralism and Syncretism" at New Delhi from 27th February to 1st March, 2006 with a view to highlighting the cultural richness of South Asian Countries.

Construction of new museums

2734. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided assistance to the State Governments for construction of new museums under the Centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) if so, the funds provided to Gujarat during the last three years; and

(c) the number of schemes for which these funds were provided alongwith the details of the progress of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) During the year 2003-04 an amount of Rs. 499.00 lakhs was provided to the State Govt. of Nagaland for setting up of 2nd World War Museum in Kohima under the North-East Pool Fund of the Ministry, as partial assistance.

(b) No funds have been provided to Gujarat during the last three years for construction of new museums.

(c) Does not arise.

Development of world famous sites

2735. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for development of the world famous sites in the country;

(b) if so, the detail thereof, State-wise, and particularly Uttar Pradesh and Delhi;

(c) the amount expected to be incurred on each heritage site and by when the work is expected to be intiated; and

(d) whether the ticket charges would be increased to see the places and if so, to what extent and the facilities to be provided to the tourists?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The conservation and maintenance of certrally protected monuments including the sites inscribed on the World Heritage List of UNESCO is a continuous process which includes structural conservation, special repairs, chemical preservation, development of their environs and providing tourist related amenities etc.

(b) A list of World Heritage Monuments/sites declared as of national importance including the sites in Uttar Pradesh and Delhi is at Statement (*See* below).

(c) the details of expenditure to be incurred in each of the World Heritage Site during 2005-06 is being collected. The works are in progress.

(d) There is no proposal at present to increase the entry fee. The rate of entry fee to World Heritage Monuments/sites in respect of domestic visitors is Rs. 10/- and US $ 5 (corresponding to Rs. 250/- per head) for foreign visitors. Various tourist related amenities such as drinking water toilets, pathways, interpretation centre, publication counter and facilities for physcially cahllenged are provided on centrally protected monuments including World Heritage Sites/monuments.

Statement

List of Cultural and Natural Sites from India inscribed on the World Heritage List

Cultural Sites

Sl.No.	Name of Monuments/Site	State
1	2	3
1.	Ajanta Caves (1983)	Maharashtra
2.	Ellora Caves (1983)	Maharashtra

1	2	3
3.	Agra Fort (1983)	Uttar Pradesh
4.	Taj Mahal, Agra (1983)	Uttar Pradesh
5.	Sun Temple, Konarak (1984)	Orissa
6.	Group of Monuments, Mahabalipuram (1984)	Tamilnadu
7.	Churches and Convents at Goa (1986)	Goa
8.	Group of Monuments, Khajuraho (1986)	Madhya Pradesh
9.	Group of Monuments at Hampi (1986)	Karnataka
10.	Fatehpur Sikri (1986)	Uttar Pradesh
11.	Group of Monuments at Pattadakkal (1987)	Karnataka
12.	Elephanta Caves (1987)	Maharashtra
13.	Great Living Chloa Temples at Thanjavur, Gangaikondacholapuram and Darsuram (1987 and 2004)	Tamil Nadu
14.	Buddist Monuments at Sanchi	Madhya Pradesh
15.	Humayun's Tomb (1993)	Delhi
16.	Qutb Minar Complex (1993)	Delhi
17.	Mountain Railways of India (1999 and 2005)	West Bengal and Tamil Nadu
18.	Mahabodi Temple, Bodhgaya (2002)	Bihar
19.	Prehistoric Rockshelters of Bhimbetka (2003)	Madhya Pradesh
20.	Champaner-Pavagarh Archaeological Park (2004)	Gujarat
21.	Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus) Mumbai (2004)	Maharashtra

1	2	3
Natural Sites		
1.	Kaziranga National Park (1985)	Assam
2.	Manas Wildlife Sanctuary (1985)	Assam
3.	Keoladeo National Park (1985)	Rajasthan
4.	Sunderbans National Park (1987)	West Bengal
5.	Nandadevi and Valley of Flowers National Park (1988, 2005)	Uttranchal

National Library for Ancient Scripture and Vedic Religions

2736. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether Government propose to set up a National Library for the ancient scripture and Vedic Religions in Uttaranchal in view of its importance in Himalayan regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Ticket of Qutub Minar

2737. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cost of ticket for visiting Qutub Minar is Rs. 10/- for Indians and Rs. 500/- for foreigners; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The rate of entry fee for visitors to Qutab Minar is as under: